notifications issued by Ministry of Finance on 28.2.93, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

The prices of scheduled bulk drugs/formulations are revised from time to time after taking account the latest rates of customs duty etc. The exercise of revising the prices of scheduled bulk drugs due to impact of reduced customs duty is going on. The prices of formulations based on such bulk drugs would also be reduced correspondingly.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

Consumption of drugs and expenditure on Research and Development

1909. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite the tremendous growth of Drug Industry, the average per capita consumption of medicines in India is Rs. 41/- per year which is one of the lowest consumptions in the world;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the current spending on Research and Development of the drug industry is only around 2 per cent of its turnover in India while the international drug industry spent nearly 12 per cent of their turnover on Research and Development;

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take so that our new policy on Drugs becomes pragmatic one, in tune with the liberalised industrial policy and to ensure abundent availability of drugs at reasonable price to common man; and

(d) by when the new Drug Policy is likely to be announced as its delay is hampering the very existence of drug industry; and what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) These estimations are broadly correct.

(c) and (d) A Background Note on Review of Drug Policy, 1986 has been placed on the Table of the House on 12.8.1992 for discussion.

Disciplinary proceedings manual of IDPL

1910. SHRIMATI SARALA MAHESHWARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to the reply given to the Unstarred Question 2262 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th July, 1992 and state:

(a) what is the reasonable time period prescribed to institute disciplinary proceedings and to issue charge sheet;

(b) whether IDPL had followed the rule number 11(5)(2) of the disciplinary proceedings manual and the 32(2)(a) of leave rules for Central Government employees while taking disciplinary action against its employees if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether rule 14(4) and rule 14(23)(5) of the said disciplinary proceedings manual were kept in mind by the IDPL manangement while issuing charge sheets to permanent employees, if not the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the disciplinary proceedings were completed, if not the reasons therefor; and

(e) what are the details of the guidelines of "proper sanctioning/refusal of leave" existing in IDPL and its implementation on its employees with reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) This has not been defined under the conduct rules. It may vary from case to case depending upon the attendent circumstances. Charge-sheet is not issued automatically or mechanically as application of the mind of the disciplinary authority in considering the entire facts and circumstances is a pre-condition for such disciplinary action.